

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A sanitary napkin for use by a woman for feminine  
hygiene and adapted to be worn in an undergarment having  
a main body portion including a liquid permeable body  
faceable cover layer, a liquid impermeable garment  
faceable barrier layer, an absorbent element  
therebetween. The main body portion has at least two  
longitudinally extending hinges in a center region  
10 adjacent the longitudinal edges. Each hinge is adapted  
to provide a longitudinally extending preferential  
bending axis. The hinges are spaced apart along at  
least a portion of their length and at least one hinge  
has a radius of curvature and an adjacent hinge is  
15 either substantially straight or has a radius of  
curvature greater than the other hinge

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